# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

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CHECKING UP OF POWER THEFT
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether to check power theft many SEBs are installing Chinese make power meters at consumer premises;

(b) if so, whether the Government have issued any standardization norms for such meters for uniform compliance by all States and SEBs;

(c) whether the cost of new meters is to be borne by the consumer or to be provided free in replacement by the SEBs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) to (d) : The SEBs are installing meters at consumers premises which may also include Chinese-make power meters depending on whether they comply with the specifications.

The Central Electricity Authority and the Committee of Experts haveprepared standard specifications fro electro-mechanical meters as well as electronic meters. The same have been circulated to the State power utilities for uniform compliance.

The Policy regarding charging the consumer the cost of meters or providing free replacement differs from one SEB to another.